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The Foot Bridge at Lincoln Woods

District 17 has some of the most scenic locations to be found anywhere in Rhode Island. The *District View* is creating an ongoing photo gallery of the images that make our district so special. If you would like to submit a photo, please [click here](#).

Community Calendar

For a look at upcoming events and activities in the district, please follow this link to view the Valley Breeze's community calendar.

Current News File

Articles and editorials from local media on current issues.

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In The News

Citizens Groups Gain Support For Elimination Of 'Master Lever' Voting

Providence Journal - May 26

The Journal's Edward Achorn writes, "Our state deserves fair elections and healthier governance, too. Our children deserve a better legacy than a corrupt system".

[Click to read full story.](#)

Senate Defeats N.P. Supplemental Tax

Observer - May 13

NORTH PROVIDENCE - The proposed supplemental tax has been defeated by state lawmakers, so taxpayers will not pay a tax increase before July 1. [Click to read full story.](#)

Notable Quotes

"One of the most promising developments is the movement to get rid of the straight-ticket "Master Lever" on the ballot, a legacy of corrupt machine politics."

- From the May 10 *Providence Journal* editorial "For Fair Elections" about the inequities of RI's straight-ticket voting system. [See full story.](#)

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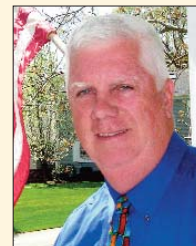
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The Importance of Listening During Difficult Times

BY SENATOR ED O'NEILL

Dear Voter,

First of all, I would like to thank you again for your support in the last election. It is a privilege to serve as your state senator from the 17th district.



These are difficult times and our cities and towns are under extraordinary pressure to hold the line on taxes while maintaining services. Although the 2009 supplemental budget is behind us, the 2010 budget will inevitably require cut-backs which will affect all of us.

The reality is that our state's revenue is down and cost pressures continue. We will have to do more with less, and explore new ways to work smarter in state and local government. Private sector businesses are very familiar with this idea.

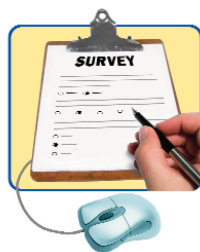
In upcoming issues of *The District View* I will share my thoughts and plans on working to reduce costs while at the same time, finding new methods to make operations more cost effective.

In the four months that I have been serving in the Rhode Island Senate, I have supported legislation aimed at improving the voting process for ballot initiatives which will impact voters statewide.

I have also introduced legislation which keeps the door open for acquiring the Camp Meehan land to use as open space (this battle is not over).

[Click here to read full article](#)

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What Do YOU Think?

Let your voice be heard by filling out the *District View's* first On-Line Survey. From questions about our state's economy to ethics in the legislature, our survey is a great way to weigh-in on the issues.

The survey is easily filled out with the click of a mouse. [Click here to access the survey](#), or go to Senator O'Neill's website at:

www.SenatorO'Neill.com